

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
MARCH 3, 2020
9:30 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Courthouse, City of St. James. The following Board members were present: Jim Branstad, Raymond Gustafson, Bill Miller, Bob Rinne and Kathleen Svalland. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Branstad moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the February 18 regular meeting.

Rinne moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve payment of bills as audited and filed in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows by fund: General Fund—\$41,865.53; Solid Waste Fund—\$6,817.60; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$10,694.01.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Minnesota and Watonwan County for Providing Extension Programs Locally and Employing County Extension Staff, which increased the Local Extension Educator position from .75 to full-time.

Commissioner Rinne reviewed information regarding a movement in some counties to protect Second Amendment gun rights. Counties are passing resolutions to give sanctuary to gun owners. It was discussed that the Second Amendment would have to be changed in order for it to become an issue.

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Application for Exempt Permit for Godahl Recreation Association to conduct lawful gambling activities on September 7, 2020 at the Godahl Recreation Center during Godahl Days.

Gustafson moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve a Lease Agreement with R Craig Leatherworks for lease of the Roller Rink Building at the Fairgrounds on March 28, 2020 at a fee of \$150.00.

Gustafson moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PARTY INTERESTED
IN THE PURCHASE OF THE GAYLORD MOBILE HOME PARK

WHEREAS, the South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is the owner of the Gaylord mobile home park through the issuance of the Series 1993 Bonds for the development of Amberfield; and

WHEREAS, the Restated and Superseding Operating Deficit Agreement between Martin County, Sibley County, Waseca County, Nicollet County, and Watonwan County and the South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and U.S. Bank Trust

National Association f/k/a First Trust National states the HRA will not mortgage, sublease, sell, assign, transfer or convey any Project or any portion thereof during the term of this Agreement without written consent of each County and the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has received an unsolicited interest to purchase the Gaylord mobile home park; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners recommend exploring the unsolicited interest for possible sale of the Gaylord mobile home park; and

WHEREAS, if the South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority receives a reasonable offer to consider the sale the mobile park the South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority will once again seek County board approval for the sale; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Respective Counties: Martin County, Sibley County, Waseca County, Nicollet County and Watonwan County that written consent is given to proceed with preliminary discussion with the party interested in the purchase of the Gaylord mobile home park.

Miller moved, Gustafson seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Chairman's signing of the 2018 Financial Report for the One Watershed One Plan.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to close the meeting at 9:55 pursuant to M.S. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b) for attorney client privilege with County Attorney Stephen Lindee and Attorney Steven Sunde regarding pending litigation in the matter of Goldmount Veterinary Center PA vs. Watonwan County and Animal Humane Society. County Sheriff Jared Bergeman was also present.

Branstad moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to open the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

Miller moved, Gustafson seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve appointing Commissioner Branstad to represent the Board at an upcoming mediation session.

Svalland moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 10:11.

Raymond Gustafson, Chairman
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer